

**REMARKS**

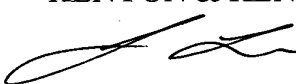
Claims 9-10 and 12-16 are pending in the present application after cancellation of claim 11.

The Examiner objected to claims 11-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, independent claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the features of now-canceled claim 11 (essentially rewriting claim 11 in independent form), and claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of previously-pending version of claim 9. Accordingly, claims 9 and 13, as well as their dependent claims 10, 12 and 14-16, are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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